GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:191
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2007
STORAGE CAPACITY FOR FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present storage capacity of godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other agencies in different parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of godowns constructed during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the present storage capacity is adequate to store foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken to create additional storage capacity?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 191 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.03.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a 251 lakh tonnes storage capacity (owned & hired/covered & CAP) as on 31st January, 2007 including capacity hired from CWC, SWCs and other agencies. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(b): The year-wise number of storage godowns, alongwith capacity, constructed by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation(CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations during the last three years are as under:-

Year	FCI		CWC		SWCs	
	Number of storage godowns	Capacity (in lakh MTs)	Number of storage godowns	Capacity (in lakh MTs)	Number of storage godowns	Capacity (in lakh MTs)
2003-04	15	1.33	19	3.14	11	3.63
2004-05	11	0.96	15	1.17	12	(-) 17.33
2005-06	05	0.22	06	2.76	07	1.48

The State-wise details are given at Annex-II.

(c),(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The overall storage capacity available with FCI is adequate to store the foodgrains. As on 31.1.2007 capacity utilization was 46% of storage capacity. In North East and Jammu & Kashmir however, additional godown capacity has been created as per details given in Annex-II. Moreover, in case of specific requirement in any State, the General Managers of Regions of FCI are vested with full powers to hire the godowns of CWC/SWCs.